

Amid Land  
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My dear Sir

I should have replied earlier  
to your letter on the subject of the pro-  
-fessorship at Cambridge but that I had  
omitted to do so until I had consulted  
Mr Quincy - I learn from him that the  
salary offered to Dr Booth was \$2000, there  
was at the time a private subscription a-  
-mongst the Dr's friends to the amt of \$10,000  
to enable the College to pay this sum but  
this was only conditional on Booth's accepting  
the office & was returned to the subscribers  
on his declining to do so - some two or three  
years since a legacy of \$25000 was left the  
College for the purpose of founding a profes-

- ship of Natural History this sum amounts  
now from the accumulation of interest to  
28 or 29000 \$ - of which is the income arising from  
this fund which is at the disposal of the  
corporation for the payments of the salary of  
the Professor under this foundation - Dr  
Pringle told me he thought a small class  
might be obtained from the medical  
students for a course on botany but I  
doubt whether it would be easy to persuade  
the profession to engrave botany as a necessary  
portion of the studies of the medical students

What is there to prevent your paying us  
a visit, by applying near the fountain  
you may gain more information than I may  
be able to communicate tho' all within my  
power I shall be happy to furnish

Yr very truly  
Jas D Green

I have for a short time past been at work with  
my Leguminosae I find a good many duplicates  
as well foreign as native some of which you might  
be glad to have of which I should be happy to  
furnish - I see you do not allow the Lupinus diffi-  
-cus of Nuttall to be any thing more than a variety  
of villosus - I am rather disposed to think Nuttall  
is right the shape of the corolla seems to differ as  
much as the colour, however where there is any doubt  
it is better not to be manufacturing species



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